

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 5, 2002

**FROM:** ED KIECZYKOWSKI, County Librarian  
Library

**SUBJECT:** GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve application to the California Coastal Commission for a \$28,100 grant to fund the development and implementation of a program at the Highland Branch Library to educate the public concerning the importance of protecting the state's marine and coastal environments.
2. Authorize the County Librarian to sign the grant application as per grant requirements.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The California Coastal Commission is providing grants to fund the cost of developing programs designed to educate the public concerning California's coastal and marine environments, and how the actions and practices of the public can impact these environments. The Highland Branch Library contains an Environmental Learning Center and appropriate staff to implement a program that will qualify for this grant opportunity.

If this grant is ultimately awarded to the County, these funds would be used by the Department to develop a program that would teach local students and their parents about valuing and taking responsibility for the health of the local marine and coastal environments. This program would specifically focus on the Santa Ana River, following its path from the mountains, through the Inland valleys and on to the ocean. County Library plans to provide two bus field trips, one starting at the Big Bear divide and ending at the Chino Dairy Reserve and the other to the bluffs north of Laguna Beach and to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. These field trips will trace the origin and flow of water from the top of the Santa Ana River watershed toward the ocean. The stops along the way will emphasize the positive and negative impacts of the human population on the health of the Santa Ana River and on the coastal and marine environments. The grant would provide funds to finance the field trips, learning materials for the public (including books, handouts, videos, and exhibits), and the collection of specimens for in-branch educational activities. The field trips would be offered for up to 500 students and 50 parents, and the educational materials would be available to patrons visiting the Highland Branch Library. This grant would also fund additional staff hours for the field trips, bus transportation for participants, admission to the Aquarium of the Pacific, and the cost of a 90-minute boat trip to observe marine life.

If the grant application is approved by the Board, and a grant is subsequently offered by the California Coastal Commission, County Library would return to the Board for acceptance of the grant in accordance with County Policy.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** The item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Dawn Stafford, Deputy County Counsel), on October 25 2002, and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on October 28, 2002.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of the application has no financial impact. There is no County match associated with the grant.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**PRESENTER:** Ed Kieczykowski, Supervisor.

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